

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	GIBSON et al.)	Confirmation No. 7516
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Application No.:	10/518,810)	Art Unit: 3762
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For:	OPTIC FIBER STIFFENING ELEMENT (As Amended))	Docket No: 62367-393342 (formerly 22409-00323-US)

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed June 24, 2010, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks along with a Request for Continued Examination.

It is not believed that extension for time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a), and any fees required therefore, including fees for net addition of claims, are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 11-0855.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 15 of this paper.